**Edgar Allen Poe**

**The Raven**

Directions: Read the poem and answer these questions on your own paper.

1. What words in the first stanza provide information about the setting?
2. What sorrow (sadness) is the speaker trying to ease by reading? (hint lines 9-11)
3. By line 35, how has the speaker’s emotional state changed since the beginning of the poem? Why has it changed?
4. What does the speaker ask of the raven?
5. What word does the raven repeat?
6. Look at the picture of the Raven on pg. 642. Why do you think the sight of this bird would be so frightening?
7. How does the narrator’s attitude change towards the raven throughout the poem?
8. Summarize the poem in at least 3-4 sentences.
9. Do you think the speaker of this poem has really lost his mind, or does he just seem very sad to you? Explain.
10. What is your favorite part of the poem? Why?